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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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MM Docket No. 95-85

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b), RM-8518
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.
(Copeland, Kansas)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: June 7, 1995;

Released: June 19, 1995

Comment Date: August 10, 1995

Reply Comment Date: August 25, 1995

By the Acting Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. The Commission has before it the petition for rule making filed by Greater Plains Christian Radio, Inc. ("petitioner"), requesting the allotment of Channel 280C1 to Copeland, Kansas, as the community's third local FM service. Petitioner also requests that the Commission reserve Channel 280C1 for noncommercial use. Petitioner states it will apply for Channel 280C1, if allotted.¹

2. Generally, noncommercial educational stations operate within the reserved portion of the FM band (Channels 201-220). However, exceptions to this policy have been made where channels in the noncommercial band are not available because of foreign (Canadian or Mexican) allotments or potential interference to operation on VHF Television Channel 6.² In this instance, potential interference to KBSD-TV, Ensign, Kansas, appears to justify the reservation of a channel in the nonreserved band (Channels 221-300) for noncommercial educational use.

3. We believe petitioner's proposal warrants consideration since it could provide Copeland with an additional FM service. We request comments on the allotment of Channel *280C1 to Copeland, Kansas, and the reservation of the channel for noncommercial educational use. Channel *280C1 can be allotted to Copeland in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction.³

4. Accordingly, we seek comments on the proposed amendment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, for the community listed below, to read as follows:

City	Present	Proposed
Copeland, Kansas	251C1, 256C1	251C, 256C1, *280C1

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before August 10, 1995, and reply comments on or before August 25, 1995, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows:

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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See *Certification That Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules*, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pamela Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202)634-6530. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a

¹ The Commission's local ownership rules provide that for stations in markets with fewer than 15 radio stations, a single licensee will be permitted to own up to three stations, no more than two of which are in the same service, provided that the owned stations represent less than 50 percent of the stations in the market. See 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555(a)(1)(i). Since Copeland, Kansas, has only two FM stations allotted to the community, with petitioner being the licensee of one of the stations,

petitioner is requested to provide information showing it is eligible to acquire a second station at Copeland in its comments.

² See *Comobabi, Arizona*, 47 Fed. Reg. 32717, published July 29, 1982, and *Burlington and Newport, Vermont*, 45 R.R. 2d 786 (1979).

³ The coordinates for Channel *280C1 at Copeland are North Latitude 37-32-31 and West Longitude 100-37-45.

request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. *Showings Required.* Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. *Cut-off Procedures.* The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules.)

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. *Comments and Reply Comments; Service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

5. *Number of Copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. *Public Inspection of Filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C.